GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:648
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS BY NGOs
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether private players, NGOs and Corporate Houses are being allowed for repairing, upkeeping and maintenance of old monuments of the country; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b):The National Culture Fund, set up by the Ministry of Culture by notification dated November 28, 1996 provides opportunity for private players, NGO`s and Corporate Houses to participate in the repair, upkeep and maintenance of old monuments in the country.

The National Culture Fund accepts institutions and individuals as partners of the Government in the management of the cultural scenario. It is an important initiative for forging public private partnership and mobilizing extra budgetary resources for culture.

Details of conservation / development works carried out under the auspices of the National Culture Fund are annexed.

ANNEXURE

IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 648 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2005

DETAILS OF WORKS CARRIED / BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA UNDER NCF PROJECTS

Sl.No.	Name of the Agency	Financial assistance	Activities carried out
1.	M/s Aga Khan Trust for Culture	Rs. 30.00 lacs	Humayun`s Tomb Garden in Delhi has been rejuvenated.
2.	M/s Oberoi Group of Hotels	Rs. 5.00 lacs	Humayun`s Tomb dome has been illuminated
3.	Pune Municipal Corporation / Venkateshwara Hatcheries and other agencies, Pune	Rs. 48.00 lacs	Shaniwar wada Palace remains have been conserved and light and sound programme has been installed.
4.	The Taj Group of Hotels	Rs. 45.00 lacs	At Taj Mahal, Agra, chemical preservation of main gate has been done. Tourist facilitation is being developed at Fatehabad and Fatehpuri enclosures and conservation of portion of enclosure wall on the eastern side is in progress. Signages have been installed.